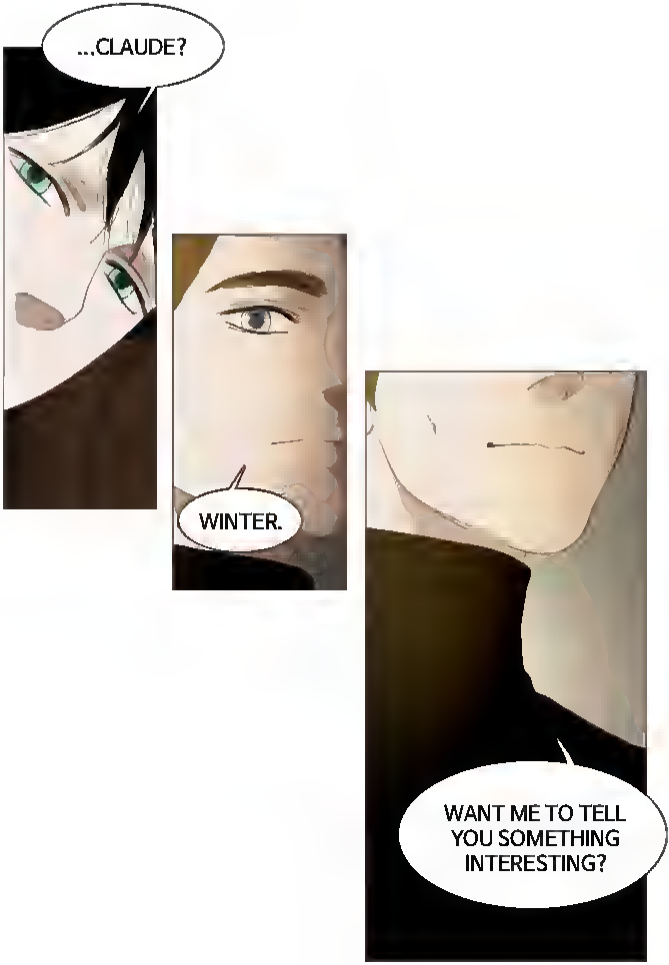
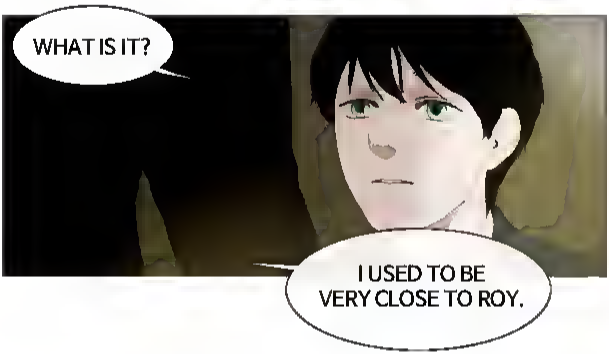
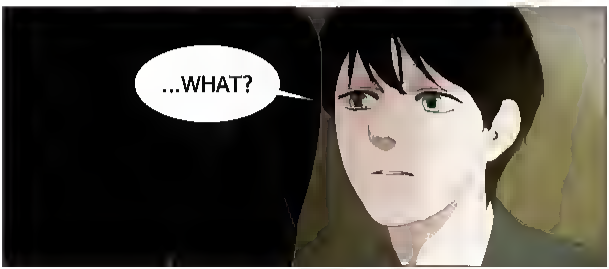
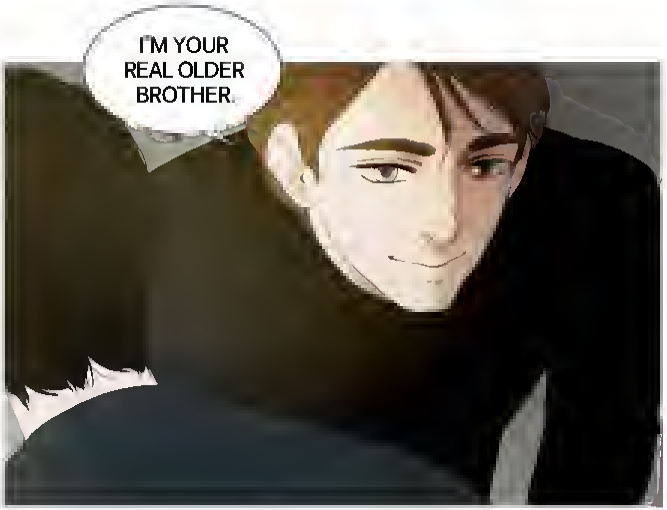
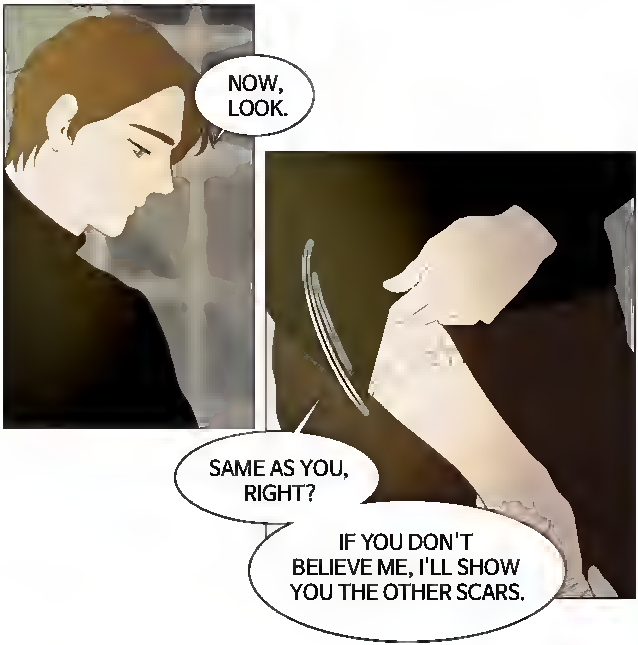

...CLAUDE?
WINTER.
WANT ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING INTERESTING?


WHAT IS IT?
I USED TO BE VERY CLOSE TO ROY.


...WHAT?



I WAS CREATED BEFORE YOU WERE.


NOW, LOOK.
SAME AS YOU, RIGHT?
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, I'LL SHOW YOU THE OTHER SCARS.

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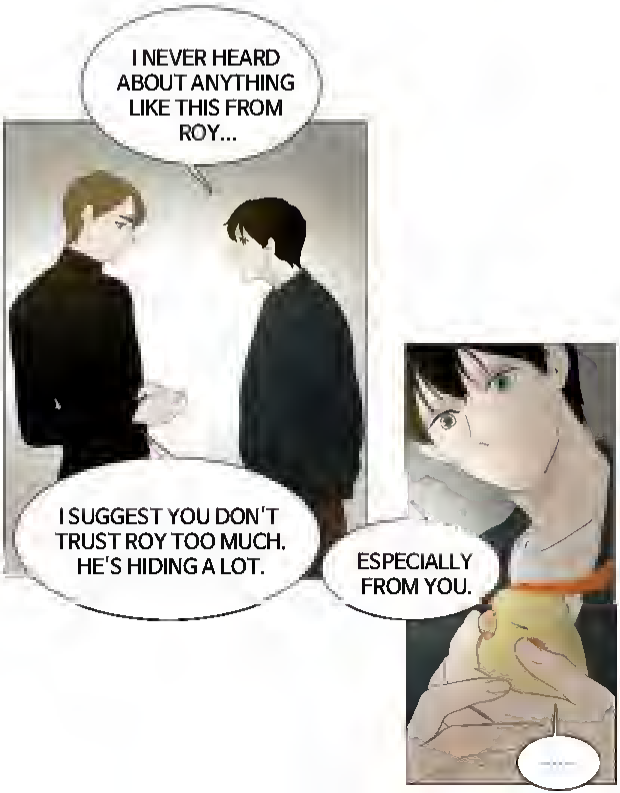
I NEVER HEARD ABOUT ANYTHING LIKE THIS FROM ROY...
I SUGGEST YOU DON'T TRUST ROY TOO MUCH. HE'S HIDING A LOT.
ESPECIALLY FROM YOU.
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I SHOULD
GET GOING.

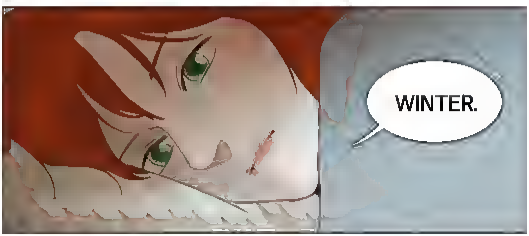
THERE'S SOMETHING I REALLY NEED TO TELL YOU.
COME BACK AFTER YOU THINK IT OVER. I'LL BE WAITING

...ALRIGHT.

Winter Woods

CREEK-

WHOA


WINTER.

WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?
...I WAS AT CLAUDE'S.

COME HERE.

PLOP

FIRST OF ALL!
JUMP

I'LL APOLOGIZE.
I THINK I'VE BEEN ONLY PUSHING YOU AWAY.
I SHOULDN'T FORCE YOU TO THINK A CERTAIN WAY JUST BECAUSE YOU DISAGREE WITH ME
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE PERFECT EITHER. YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYONE HAS THEIR DIFFERENCES.
YOUR FEELINGS AREN'T THE ONLY THING THAT MATTER.
YOU COMPLETELY IGNORED HOW OTHER PEOPLE FEEL.

...SORRY.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SEEM LIKE I WAS IGNORING YOU.
BUT
I WAS REALLY FLUSTERED AND IMPATIENT.
I WAS WORRIED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US WOULDN'T CLOSE UP.
...WELL... SOMETIMES PEOPLE SUDDENLY CHANGE THEIR MINDS FOR NO REASON.

DOES THAT MEAN YOU CAN CHANGE TOO, JANE?
THAT'S A RELIEF.

HAHAHA
I'M NOT SURE
ABOUT THAT!
ANYWAY,
IT'S AMAZING.
I'M KIND OF JEALOUS.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO
OPEN ABOUT YOUR
FEELINGS?
I FEEL AWKWARD
EXPRESSING MYSELF
LIKE THAT, OR HEARING
YOU TALK SO OPENLY.

THAT'S WHY I COULD NEVER REALLY EXPRESS MYSELF SINCERELY TO MY GRANDMA.

I STILL FEEL BITTER ABOUT THAT.

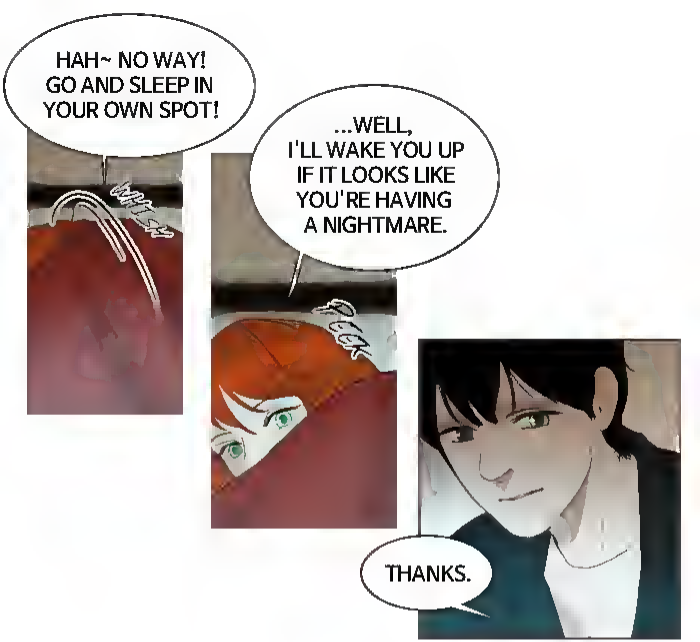
I REGRET MANY TIMES NOT HAVING TOLD HER THAT I LOVED HER MORE OFTEN...

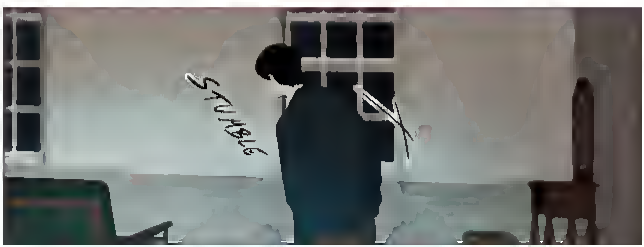
MY GRANDMA PASSED AWAY REALLY SUDDENLY.

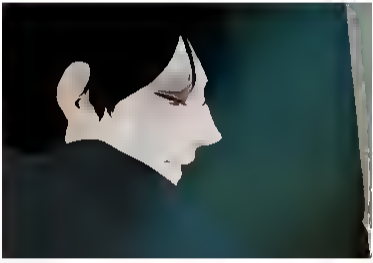
ANYWAY, IT'S GOOD TO SAY WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND OPENLY, BUT YOU SHOULD STILL THINK THINGS OVER A FEW TIMES FIRST.

I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP LOSING, HURTING OR WORRYING SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO YOU JUST BECAUSE OF SOMETHING THAT YOU JUST SPIT OUT WITHOUT THINKING.

YOU'RE RIGHT,
I DON'T WANT THAT...
SPIN
SPIN
...JANE,
I'M SO TIRED.
I WANT TO SLEEP,
BUT I'M AFRAID TO
BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE
I'LL HAVE A
NIGHTMARE...
JANE, CAN YOU
STAY BY MY SIDE?


HAH~ NO WAY! GO AND SLEEP IN YOUR OWN SPOT!
...WELL, I'LL WAKE YOU UP IF IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A NIGHTMARE.
PECK
THANKS.


STUMBLE



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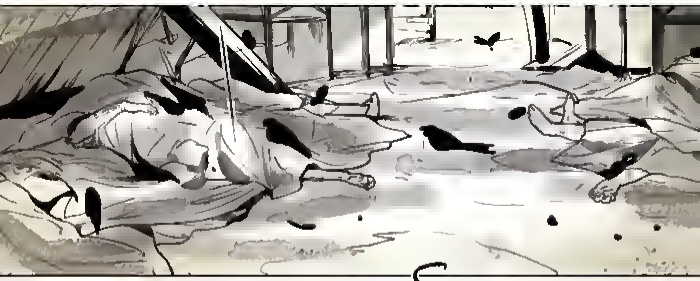


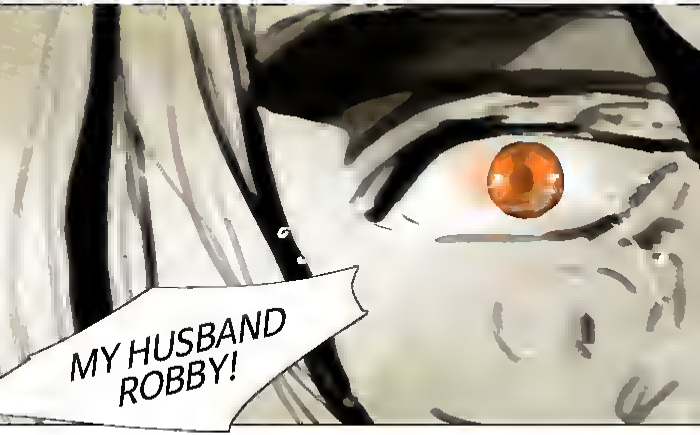
THIS PLACE...

WHY AM I HERE?

COUGH
CREEAAK
COUGH
COUGH
WHO'S THERE...?
IS THAT...

THE PLAGUE HAS WORSENED MY EYESIGHT, EVERYTHING LOOKS SO BLURRY AND HARD TO SEE...
...EMILY?
WOULD YOU HELP ME UP?
I HAVE NO STRENGTH IN ME...
FUMBLE
FUMBLE

HOW DARE YOU COME HERE?
DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE?

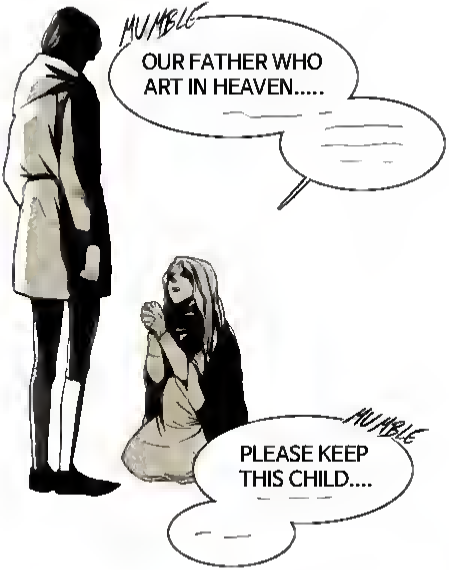

MY HUSBAND ROBBY!

HOW COULD YOU COME HERE AFTER WHAT YOU DID TO HIM?!
DID YOU COME TO WATCH MY FAMILY FALL APART?

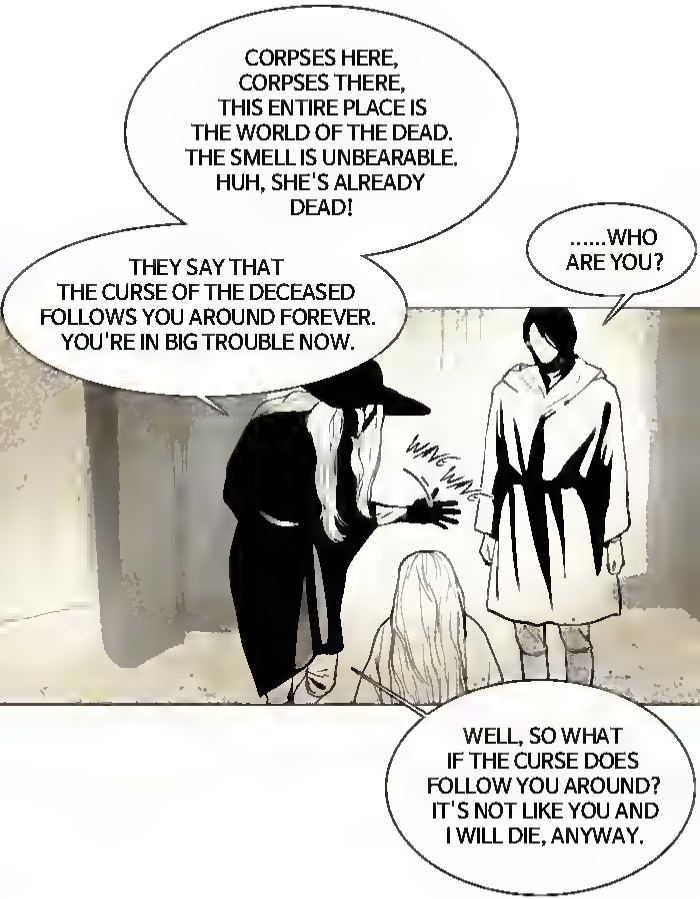
ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
IS THAT ME...?!

I HATE YOU SO MUCH, BUT IRONICALLY, CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT I'M THINKING NOW?
COUGH
THAT I WISH MY BABY COULD SURVIVE SOMEHOW, UNAFFECTED BY THIS PLAGUE LIKE YOU.
I WANT IT SO BADLY THAT I WOULD ASK OF A DEMON LIKE YOU!
I JUST WANT ROBBY AND MY CHILD TO LIVE...!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MYSELF, JUST PRAY FOR OUR CHILD... PLEASE...
DRIP
DRIP

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY.
WHAT... AM I SAYING...?
HAHA
HAHA


MUMBLE
OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.....
MUMBLE
PLEASE KEEP THIS CHILD....

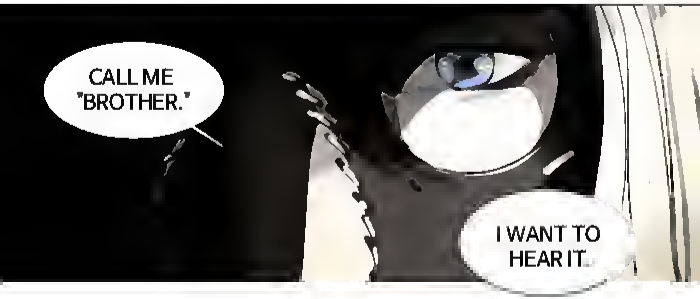
I WILL CURSE YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
I'M SORRY,
I'LL CURSE YOU.
FOR...EVER...
PLOP
I'M SORRY,
I'M SO SORR-
TSK TSK, YOU SHOULD HAVE PRAYED FOR HER.
IT WAS A DYING GIRL'S LAST WISH, AFTER ALL.

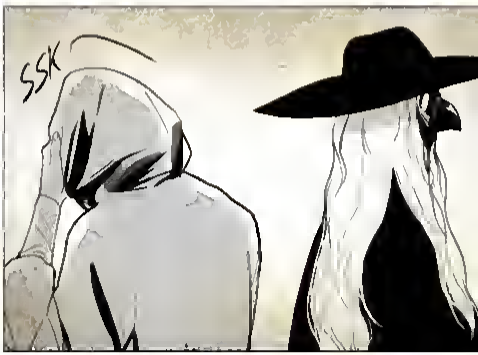

CORPSES HERE,
CORPSES THERE,
THIS ENTIRE PLACE IS
THE WORLD OF THE DEAD.
THE SMELL IS UNBEARABLE.
HUH, SHE'S ALREADY
DEAD!
THEY SAY THAT
THE CURSE OF THE DECEASED
FOLLOWS YOU AROUND FOREVER.
YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE NOW.
.....WHO
ARE YOU?
WAVE
WAVE
WELL, SO WHAT
IF THE CURSE DOES
FOLLOW YOU AROUND?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU AND
I WILL DIE, ANYWAY.

JUST THE TWO OF US, TOWERING OVER ALL OF THESE WEAK PEOPLE SPRAWLED OUT ON THE GROUND. ISN'T IT REMARKABLE?
THERE ARE COLD, STIFF, DEAD PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. I'D BELIEVE IT IF I'M TOLD WE ARE IN THE UNDERWORLD.
TWIRL
IT'S A BALLROOM FOR THE DEAD.

AMUSING,
ISN'T IT?

AH, I FORGOT TO
INTRODUCE MYSELF.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
WHAT SHOULD
I CALL MYSELF...?
HM... WELL.
SINCE I'VE EXISTED
LONGER THAN YOU,
I GUESS THAT MAKES ME
YOUR OLDER BROTHER.


CALL ME "BROTHER."
I WANT TO HEAR IT.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ARE YOU SHY,
OR JUST SURPRISED?
OR ARE YOU
PERHAPS SCARED?

FLASH
DO YOU KNOW WHICH?

Winter Woods

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